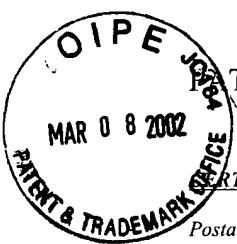


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In re application of:
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Serial No. 09/489,293

Filed: January 21, 2000

For: HYDRODYNAMIC SPINDLE
MOTOR SEALING TECHNIQUE

Art Unit: 2834

Examiner: Gonzalez, Julio C.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 30, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please change the title to read "Hydrodynamic Spindle Motor Using Welding Sealing Technique".

Remarks

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action of November 30, 2001. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is requested.

In this Office Action, the Examiner requested a change in the title. This change has been made.